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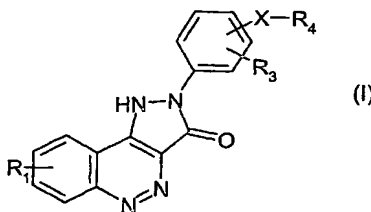
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I) are inhibitors of CD80 and useful in immunomodulation therapy: wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  independently represent H; F; Cl; Br;  $-NO_2$ ;  $-CN$ ;  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl optionally substituted by F or Cl; or  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy optionally substituted by F;  $R_4$  represents a carboxylic acid group ( $-COOH$ ) or an ester thereof, or  $-C(=O)NR_6R_7$ ,  $-NR_7C(=O)R_6$ ,  $-NHC(=O)NR_7R_6$  or  $-NHC(=S)NR_7R_6$  wherein  $R_6$  represents H, or a radical of formula  $-(Alk)_m-Q$  wherein  $m$  is 0 or 1, Alk is an optionally substituted divalent straight or branched  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkylene, or  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$  alkenylene, or  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$  alkynylene radical or a divalent  $C_3$ - $C_{12}$  carbocyclic radical, any of which radicals may contain one or more  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$  or  $-N(R_8)-$  links wherein  $R_8$  represents H or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_4$  alkenyl,  $C_3$ - $C_4$  alkynyl, or  $C_3$ - $C_6$  cycloalkyl, and Q represents H;  $-NR_9R_{10}$  wherein  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  independently represents H;  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl;  $C_3$ - $C_4$  alkenyl;  $C_3$ - $C_4$  alkynyl;  $C_3$ - $C_6$  cycloalkyl; an ester group; an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic group; or  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  form a ring when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached, which ring is optionally substituted; and  $R_7$  represents H or  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl; or when taken together with the atom or atoms to which they are attached  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  form an optionally substituted monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 5, 6 or 7 ring atoms; and X represents a bond or a divalent radical of formula  $-(Z)_n-(Alk)-$  or  $-(Alk)-(Z)_n-$  wherein Z represents  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$  or  $-NH-$ , Alk is as defined in relation to  $R_6$  and  $n$  is 0 or 1.